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# LITTLE MACKEREL NEWS REPORTED.

## Nothing Heard From Either Seiners or Netters.

There is no report today from the mackerel fleet, either from the netters at New York or seiners on the Cape shore. One arrival is reported at Newport today, sch. Dart, with 500 large mackerel.

At New Bedford are a number of boats with small catches, but to date the mackerel netting fishing is not what was expected.

Steamer Prince George at Boston today from Yarmouth, N. S., has among her cargo 35 barrels of large fresh mackerel taken in traps down there. By this small consignment it is evident that but few mackerel are now being taken along the Nova Scotia coast or more would have come forward by this steamer. The facilities for forwarding fish from the outposts along the south side of Nova Scotia is all that can be desired for forwarding fish to Yarmouth, both by train and steamer, to be transhipped to Boston, so that the small lot received shows that none of any consequence have been taken by shore fishermen down there.

The Iron Mine trap near Yarmouth, N. S., took 40 barrels of mackerel on Friday and 60 barrels on Saturday. The Cranberry Head trap also took 135 barrels and the Bunno Point trap 26 barrels on Saturday.

### Netters at New Bedford.

The following netters arrived at New Bedford, yesterday.

Sch. Florence, 500 large mackerel.

Sch. Active, 950 large mackerel.

Sch. Lena, 250 large mackerel.

Sch. Garfield, 300 large mackerel.

Sch. Jennie, 500 large mackerel.

Sch. Barbara, 11 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Vesta, 22 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Rattlo, 13 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Braganza, 13 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Torpedo, 3 barrels fresh mackerel.

Steamer Florence, 8 barrels fresh mackerel.

One barrel from Vineyard Haven and five barrels from Wood's Hole were also received at that place.

### Netters at New York.

The following netters were reported at New York on Tuesday:

Sch. Mildred, 7000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lillian, 2500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie, 1200 fresh mackerel.

### DRIFTERS SAY POOR PROSPECTS

#### Fish Less Plentiful Than Last Year and Dogfish Troublesome.

The captains of three vessels which arrived today from drift fishing, say the prospects are not nearly so good as at a corresponding period of last year. They have tried the ground from the western part of Georges to Sable Island and cannot speak in very favorable terms of the outlook. Dogfish they say, are in abundance, even in 100 fathoms of water, where they tried, this pest was in swarms, so that it was almost impossible to get a line to the bottom. It made no difference what kind of bait was put on the hook, these ravenous wolves would bite it. They think as the season advances the dogfish will go nearer to the shore, so that the cod fishermen will have a better chance on the off shore grounds and in deeper water.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Despite the rough weather of yesterday the little steamer Elthier, Capt. John Seavey, came through without any trouble from Gloucester. She arrived here about 4 o'clock and had a loaded seine boat in tow. Capt. Seavey reported a rather rough trip along the coast, but said, as the wind was with him, he experienced no difficulty. The steamer will be engaged in herring fishing here.

The Atwood & Paine Fish Company has given up operations at this port and the steamer Quoddy which they have been operating with the men in the offices has returned to Gloucester. Dogfish off the coast which raised havoc with nets and fish alike are given as the cause of the removal from the city.

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# FIRST OF CAPE NORTH FLEET.

## Sch. Richard Arrived Today With Fine Fare.

Sch. Richard, Capt. Miles Somers, of the Cape North shacking fleet, arrived this morning. The craft was well down in the water, and the habits about the wharves pronounced her having a good trip.

When Capt. Somers was seen, he said the trip had been one of considerable hardship. Not only rough weather, but a good deal of sailing around to drum up any kind of a decent fare. However, he succeeded by hard work in securing about 60,000 salt cod, which he took on his first baiting and 90,000 fresh cod, on the second baiting.

He baited both times at Magdalenes, where herring in abundance was procured quite cheaply. From there he fished off Neils Harbor, St. Ann's and Ingonish, eastern Cape Breton. The second baiting, he fished off St. Paul's island, and Cape North, and further up the gulf.

Fish was found very scarce, but the three last days they were on the ground they struck a small spot and succeeded in securing a fair trip.

Capt. Somers reports seeing most of the fleet at Magdalenes, and gulf coast of Cape Breton, and all of them were poorly fished. He did not believe that any such trips as were landed last season would be in evidence this year. It was doubtful if many of the vessels down there would secure any more than a half fare, for the prospects when he left were very poor, and a large fleet of American and provincial vessels were scattered all over the ground. It was nothing unusual to see half of them underway at one time, which indicated that they found fish scarce.

### THE SALT FISH MARKET.

#### Present Indications Point to an Increase in Prices.

The salt fish market shows most favorable features for prices are firm and demand more than comes up to expectations at this season. Since the arrival of sch. Arethusia, the first of the salt bank codfishing fleet, and the report of her skipper as seeing a large number of vessels who had done nothing and the outlook not favorable for early or large trips, salt fish from vessel shows an upward tendency in price. There has been no salt fish come forward since last fall, and shipments have been so liberal the past six months that last season's stock is about depleted.

The arrival of new fish will find a situation seldom seen with an active demand and will be confronted. Another aspect of the situation is that there has been no fresh ground fish of any consequence landed here, and cured, as has been in past years.

A number of the larger vessels of the winter haddock fleet operating around the Magdalenes and east Cape Breton, who intended to bring their products here to be sold to the splitters, have not met with any degree of success when last reported and their catch may not be sufficient to carry dealers along until new Grand bank cod arrive.

The supply of hake, haddock, cusk and pollock is unusually light, and demand for this fishery product, is very active.

The Porto Rico market has been very active for the lower grade of ground fish and large shipments have been forwarded during the winter and spring and the trade out there is still calling for more. The supply sent to this insular possession, has been the means of using a large quantity of fish that at one time were of but little commercial value.

The outlook at the present time for a large supply is not favorable. So that prices of all kinds will necessarily be high.

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### Cod a Good Ways Off.

There are only two great cod banks in the world's oceans as far as is known. Of course the one we know best is off Newfoundland, but the other is off Cape Agulhas on the southern tip of Africa. It is said to be equally rich in fish but it is so far away from any market that it will be a long time before fisher people use it much.

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# ONLY ONE FARE AT T WHARF.

## Lightest Fish Receipts at Boston For Many Months.

At Boston today receipts are confined to one small fare of mixed fish of 26,000 pounds and prices of all kinds are extremely firm.

As at other places the complaint is that the shore boats are not landing the usual quantities so noticeable in past year.

Herring, shad and in fact all other gill net variety are scarce and demand is firm.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2500 hake.

Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3; hake, 1 to \$1.50; halibut, 8 cts. per lb.

# NO MACKEREL NETTERS IN PORT

## Meagre Reports of Fish Along the Cape Shore.

There are no mackerel arrivals at New York on any of the Vineyard Sound ports reported today. So it is evident that the netters are finding poor fishing or some of them would have been reported today. There is no news from the Cape shore fleet and while some of them are reported at various provincial ports, none are reported as having taken any fish.

At Boston yesterday 150 barrels of fresh mackerel were received from Newport and New Bedford, but today there are none at that great fish mart.

The only mackerel reported by the Canadian Fish Bureau of Wednesday last was a few being taken in traps at Spry Bay. It is time that good reports should be received from that source, but incoming vessels tell of that coast being enveloped in fog for several days may be the cause of delay.

Capt. Somers of sch. Ricard came up the entire length of the Nova Scotia coast from Cape North to Cape Sable and did not see any mackerel, although much of the time it was foggy, and he was about 20 miles off shore.

Sch. Massachusetts was at Halifax on Tuesday, and reported having taken no mackerel.

### Netters at New Bedford.

Sch. Muriel, 7 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mamie, 5 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lizzie Foster, 4 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Crescent, 3 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Jennie, 13 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Albert Brown, 9 barrels fresh mackerel.

### HAD RUDDER DISABLED.

#### But Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood Completed Trip on the Banks.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, Capt. John Atwood, which is now at Boston undergoing repairs, had a trying experience on the trip home. She was fishing on Quero Bank, two weeks ago, when it was discovered that her rudder had become useless in some unaccountable manner. As there was a large amount of bait aboard, Capt. Atwood did not care to cut the trip short. Instead he continued until a fair catch was secured, after which he headed for the nearest American port, which happened to be Port Clyde, steering the craft for 700 miles by the sails only. There the fish were sold, and the vessel then came to Boston to make the needed repairs.



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## FOUR FISHING TRIPS IN PORT.

### Total Receipts Aggregate Less Than 300,000 Pounds.

Receipts of fish at this port today are of a limited character, as only four vessels arrived since last report, whose aggregate catch make less than 300,000 pounds. One fare is composed of salt and fresh cod, while the others consist of mixed ground fish.

The shore boats are not meeting with any great degree of success, and receipts from these small craft are small and disposed of for immediate use.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Richard, Cape North, 60,000 lbs. salt cod, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, via Boston, 95,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.  
Sch. Regina, via Boston.  
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 20,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Mystery, 6000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Jeffrey, pollocking.  
Steamer Bryda F., pollock.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Claudia, halibuting.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddock.  
Sch. Marsala, Georges.  
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, Boston.  
Sch. Valentinna, swordfishing.  
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.  
Sch. Fish Hawk, halibuting.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Large fresh mackerel 32 cts each.  
Bank halibut, 6 3-4c per lb. for white and 3 3-4c for gray.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.  
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

#### On the Railways.

Sch. Actor is on Parkhurst's railways.  
Schs. Eglantine and Yankee are on the Rocky Neck railways.  
Schs. Senator and Dictator are on Burnham's railways.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Cavaller passed Mulgrave, bound north on Tuesday.

#### Bait.

Plenty of alewives for bait are reported at Edgartown.

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#### First Swordfisherman of the Season.

Sch. Stranger sailed yesterday on a swordfishing trip, and is the first of those fishers to leave this port this season.

Sch. Valentinna sailed this forenoon.

The swordfish fleet will be quite a large one this season, as this industry of late years has grown to considerable magnitude and prices of this article are commanding a higher price each year, and has proven quite profitable to those who prosecute it.

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#### Raise in Rips Salt Cod.

The fare of Rips salt cod brought in yesterday by sch. E. C. Hussey was sold to the Henry E. Pinkham Fish Co. at \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for small. This is a raise of 10 cents for large over former quotations.

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## FOR BETTER CURED FISH.

### Circular Sent to Fishermen Urging Careful Handling.

The fish dealers of the city have issued a circular to the masters and crews of the vessels engaged in salt codfishing, urging upon them the desirability of a careful handling of the fish and giving special attention to the preparation of the fish on board the vessels, thus not only making them more merchantable, but benefiting the fishermen themselves by securing better prices from the curers.

The circular is signed by the Cunningham & Thompson Co., Davis Bros., Gloucester Salt Fish Co., Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., Wm. H. Jordan & Co., W. F. Moore & Co., P. J. O'Brien & Co., George Perkins & Son, H. E. Pinkham Fish Co., Frank F. Smith & Co., and Sylvanus Smith & Co., Inc., and reads as follows:

To Masters and Crews:  
"Gentlemen:—The undersigned dealers of fish in Gloucester wish to thank every man in the fleet for his share in the great improvement made in the handling of fish last year. The suggestions made then were of great importance, and will bear repeating, as the large volume of business the past season was due to their observance.

"To get necessary results, all fish that are salted aboard the vessel must be dressed while new and before they are sun cooked, plenty of clean water must be used to entirely remove blood stains, and then plenty of salt to prevent taint, and bring out that white color which the trade demands.

"We suggest the greatest care this year by all Rips fishermen and salt shackers on these two important points; that you should use an abundance of water and plenty of salt. We suggest that fresh trips should not be made too long and that only the second baiting on the longest trips should be iced.

"The same rule as was put into effect last year must be observed, and the greatest care must be used in every case to have the fish gilled and thoroughly cleaned before icing. Such care will prevent trips from being rejected by the buyer, which rejection must be made in complying with the Pure Food Law.

"Each buyer wishes to handle nothing but fish in proper condition, and must refuse to buy any fresh fish where a vessel has made two baitings, unless all fish caught on the first baiting are properly salted.

"A careful handling from start to finish is demanded by the persons who eat the fish, and is due to them. Such care will make every part of the business better, as was the result last season, and we feel that this appeal for a continuance, and improvement, where possible, on the methods used last year, will meet a response from every man in the fleet. It is necessary for our protection, and for the best interests of everyone to enforce these suggestions, therefore this will be done."

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#### Pollock Scarce.

The pollock seiners went out yesterday, but returned last night without any fish. The only one to take a school was the little steamer Mystery, which secured 6000 pounds. The fishermen think the season off here is about over, and very few will be taken again this season. The larger vessels prosecuting this fishing will be found off Chatham and on the Nantucket ground, where large schools are reported, and where some good fares have been taken.

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## BOSTON HAS ONLY ONE FISH ARRIVAL

### Fare of Salt Cod Will Be Taken to Gloucester.

Only one vessel is reported at Boston again today, sch. Mooween with a medium fare of halibut and 15,000 pounds of salt cod. The latter will be taken to Gloucester for market.

Prices of all kinds of fresh fish are high, as all the stock that came forward have been disposed of.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mooween, 15,000 salt cod, 25,000 halibut.  
Halibut, 5 1-2 cts. for white and 3 1-2 cts. for gray.

## REMARKABLY QUICK WORK.

### Fare of Sch. Arethusa Landed in Three and One-Half Days.

Sch. Arethusa finished discharging her fare of fish yesterday which was done in the remarkably quick time of three and one-half days.

The amount weighed off was 414,400 pounds which is the largest amount ever landed at this early season by any fishing vessel from this port or in fact in New England.

The record for landing fish from a vessel was broken by Capt. Morrissey on Thursday when 166,000 pounds was landed in eight and one half hours, which doubtless is the largest amount of fish ever landed from a vessel at this port in a single day. Up to the closing hours of Thursday evening 331,000 pounds had been landed in two and one half days. Gangs of men were at work at both hatches and it was amazing to see with what rapidity these young athlete crews worked. They all live in the vicinity of Yarmouth, N. S., and they were eager to get away again, so as to spend a day or two at their old home.

As soon as the last fish was out, Capt. Morrissey had his vessel hauled along side of the salt steamer Mariam, to take on board 450 hogheads for a return trip. He expects to get away this afternoon, which is remarkably quick dispatch.

#### PAINTED IN MANY COLORS.

### Sch. Motor Now Resplendent in Multi-Colored Hues.

A craft which attracts much attention by her peculiar coat of fresh paint, is the little swordfishing schooner Motor, owned by Capt. Pendleton, who certainly has ideas of his own. The bottom of this attractive vessel is painted green, the topsides a bright red, and bulwarks drab, added to which is a white water line, and above the water is a yellow head and white hawsepipes. The deck, inside bulwarks and house are of different colors, so that the whole would resemble the many hues of "Joseph's coat of many colors."

Capt. Pendleton, when asked how he came to paint his craft in that unique way, said, that two years ago, he painted his vessel green, and it was only a short time when all the shore boats followed suit. This season he thought he would make a change, and so adopted these colors. The crew think that varied colors will attract the swordfish around her and make them easier to catch.

### Sch. Ella M. Goodwin at Lunenburg With 70,000 Lbs. Fish.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James Goodwin, arrived at Lunenburg, N. S., Tuesday evening, for water. The schooner is on a dory handline trip, and her 70,000 lbs. of fish on board. After taking on board a supply of water, and some fresh provisions, the schooner will proceed to the fishing grounds to finish her trip. Capt. Goodwin reports having spoken sch. Tattler and her captain reported fish scarce.